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MAIN STREET
BOOM
POW! POW!
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ABEL, GIVE HIM SOME COVER.
POW POW
RIGHT, SARGE.
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I CAN HARDLY SEE THE THING. IT'S JUST FLASHES OF LIGHT. HOW WILL YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'VE HIT SOMETHING?
KA-BOOM
POW POW
I'LL KNOW!
WE GOT 'EM. TELL THE SERGEANT.
POW POW
OW!
UNGH!
SARGE, ADAMS PUT THE GUN OUT OF THE WAR. WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
AS USUAL, WE HAVE TWO ALTERNATIVES, CHARGE OR RETREAT.
I DON'T SUPPOSE I'LL GET TO VOTE ON THE ISSUE BECAUSE, IF YOU WANT MY OPINION...
I'LL ASK FOR IT. TELL ADAMS TO LAY DOWN A GROUND "FIRE AND LET'S GET GOING.
AUGH!
SLAM!
POW!
POW!

THE BATTLE ENDED WHEN THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT TO SHOOT AT. IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF THAT'S THE WAY THE WAR ENDED.
PACK UP. WE'RE GOING BACK TO CAMP.
THAT AIN'T HOME, BUT IT STILL SOUNDS GOOD.
SGT. KYLE, I JUST RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM HEADQUARTERS. THERE'S A VILLAGE ABOUT TWO MILES FROM HERE THAT THEY WANT CLEANED OUT.
I KNOW THE PLACE. IT'S NOT FAR OUT OF THE WAY.
HOW COME YOU'VE BEEN THERE, SARGE? NONE OF US HAVE EVER SEEN IT.
I WENT THROUGH IT WHEN I FIRST LANDED IN FRANCE. NICE LITTLE TOWN.
THERE'S A FOUNTAIN IN THE CENTER OF THE SQUARE WITH THE FRESHEST, MOST CRYSTAL CLEAR WATER I'VE EVER SEEN OR TASTED.
WELL, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO TAKE ANOTHER DRINK.
BUT THE REFRESHING WATER WOULD HAVE TO WAIT. THE PAVED WALKWAYS LEADING TO THE SQUARE WERE AS UNSAFE AS THE TRAFFIC SATURATED STREETS OF NEW YORK CITY.
LOOKS QUIET.
DON'T BE FOOLED HEADQUARTERS NEEDS THAT TOWN FOR OBSERVATION BUT NOT UNTIL WE CLEAR OUT A FEW PREDATORS.

IT STILL DOESN'T SEEM VERY MENACING.
JUST THE SAME, I DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANY CHANCES. PICK THREE MEN AND WALK DOWN THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET.
FUNNY, I USED TO LOVE TO TAKE A STROLL THROUGH TOWN BACK AT CLEVELAND. I'D BE WITH MY GIRL AND WE'D... AH! THAT'S A MILLION MILES AWAY.
FOR KYLE AND HIS MEN, IT WAS LIGHT YEARS AWAY...
RAT TAT TAT!
TAKE COVER!
YOU'RE SHOOTING AT AIR, SARGE! TAKE SOME OF YOUR OWN ADVICE AND GET UNDER COVER FIRST!
POW!
POW! POW!
ABEL AND THE OTHERS ARE PINNED DOWN.
I KNOW WHERE THE SNIPER IS. FIRE A FEW BURSTS AT THAT TOP WINDOW.
WHATEVER YOU SAY, SARGE. UMM. GOOD CANDY.

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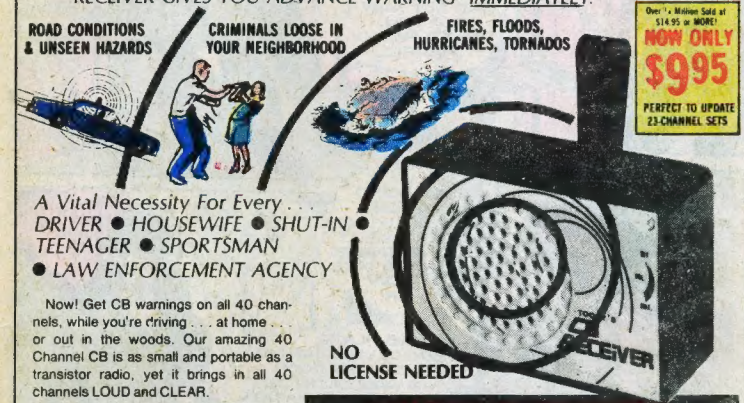
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I WANT A DRINK OF FRESH WATER AND I'M NOT GONNA LET THE KRAUTS STOP ME.
GO, SARGE.
POW
POW!
RAT-TAT-TAT
TAT! TAT!
WHEN THIS STREET IS CLEAN, I'M GOING TO TAKE A LONG, LEISURE WALK LIKE I USED TO TAKE AT HOME. I'VE EARNED THE RIGHT TO TAKE A VACATION FROM WAR.
KRAK!!
THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE CATHY'S HOUSE. THE DOOR, THE WALL. WITH JUST A BIT OF IMAGINATION, I COULD BE BACK HOME.
WOULDN'T IT BE SOMETHING IF MRS. BELLCRAFT, CATHY'S MOTHER, WAS BEHIND THE DOOR AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS.

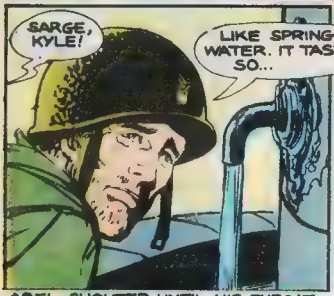
HELLO, MRS. BELLCRAFT. I'VE COME FOR CATHY.
OF COURSE, DENNY. SHE'S BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
"MY BLUE-EYED DOLL," THOUGHT KYLE. "SHE'S WAITING FOR ME AT HOME. HER LAST LETTER SAID THAT SHE WOULD WAIT FOREVER."
"WE WALKED DOWN THE STREET CALLED MAIN STREET. IT WAS WARM AND FRIENDLY, THE WAY IT SHOULD BE IN THE TOWN WHERE WE WERE RAISED."
"THERE WASN'T A FOUNTAIN IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE BUT A HUGE, MULTI-LIMBED OAK TREE WITH A BENCH BENEATH IT."
I'M GOING TO JOIN THE ARMY TOMORROW. THERE'S GOING TO BE A WAR IN EUROPE AND WE'RE GOING TO GET INVOLVED
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, DENNY, BUT PLEASE COME BACK.
"THEN WE PLEDGED OUR SELVES TO EACH OTHER."

WHEN I KICK THIS DOOR OPEN, I WON'T FIND MRS. BELLCRAFT'S WARM, SMILING FACE. THERE'LL BE A KILLER WITH COLD EYES AND THIN TIGHT LIPS. HE'LL BE WAITING FOR ME.
CRASH!
HERE I AM!
POW
POW
KA-POW!!
HE WAS JUST A KID. THEY SHOULDN'T SEND KIDS TO WAR. THEY...HE'S THE SAME AGE THAT I WAS WHEN I JOINED THE ARMY!
BANG!
ANOTHER SNIPER! THIS ONE IS IN THE CHURCH TOWER.

TO KILL A SNIPER, YOU NEED A SNIPER'S TOOLS. I COULDN'T TRUST THE ACCURACY OF MY OWN RIFLE FOR THIS JOB.
GOOD LORD! HE HAS LONG HAIR. IT'S NOT THAT UNUSUAL IN THIS AREA FOR MEN TO WEAR THEIR HAIR LONG, BUT...
COULD HE BE A GIRL! WHAT MAD GODS SEND GIRLS INTO BATTLE?! NO! I WON'T ALLOW MYSELF TO CONSIDER THAT!
HE'S GOING TO SHOOT. I CAN'T LET HIM OPEN UP ON MY MEN. I HAVE TO DEFEND THEM. I HAVE TO!
IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE BUT IF THAT SNIPER IS A SHE, I PRAY SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE CATHY!
KA-POW!
A-POW!

WHAT THE...? WHERE'D THAT COME FROM!
KAPOW
KAPOW
THE SHOTS CAME FROM THE STREETS. ABEL AND ADAMS PROBABLY THOUGHT I WAS THE SNIPER. IRONIC. I'D BETTER SET THEM STRAIGHT.
DID I GET THE SHARPSHOOTER IN THE CHURCH TOWER? I COULDN'T CHECK HER... HIM OUT BECAUSE OF YOUR SHOOTING AT ME.
HEY, YOU JERKS, I'M KYLE! STOP TOSSING LEAD UP HERE!
HOLD YOUR FIRE! IT'S THE SARGE. HE MUST HAVE POPPED OFF THE RIFLEMAN.
YOU MUST HAVE, SARGE. THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY ACTION FROM THERE.
YOU LOOK BAD, KYLE. TIRED. BATTLE FATIGUE. YOU GOTTA PUT IN FOR LEAVE.
SOON, REAL SOON BUT I CAN'T LEAVE NOW. I JUST NEED A DRINK.

IF I CAN JUST WET MY LIPS ON THAT REFRESHING WATER, EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.
ARE YOU CRAZY?! YOU'LL BE OUT IN THE OPEN! GET BACK HERE!



ABEL SHOUTED UNTIL HIS THROAT WAS SORE BUT KYLE WAS BEYOND THE PETTINESS OF THE BATTLE IN A FRENCH VILLAGE. HE HAD TAKEN HIS VACATION FROM THE WAR.

KYLE HEARD ONLY THE NIGHT SOUNDS OF CRICKETS, AT HOME WITH CATHY. HE WAS A BILLION LIGHT YEARS AWAY, STROLLING DOWN MAIN STREET IN CLEVELAND, OHIO.

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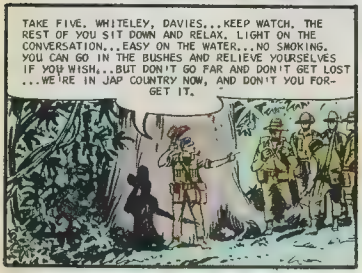
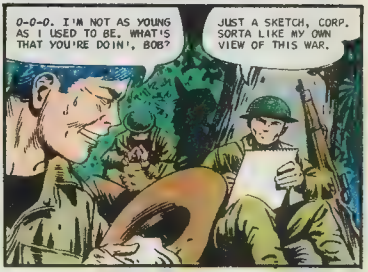
THE IRON CORPORAL

ALIAS DEATH


TAKE FIVE. WHITELEY, DAVIES,..KEEP WATCH. THE REST OF YOU SIT DOWN AND RELAX. LIGHT ON THE CONVERSATION..EASY ON THE WATER..NO SMOKING. YOU CAN GO IN THE BUSHES AND RELIEVE YOURSELVES IF YOU WISH...BUT DON'T GO FAR AND DON'T GET LOST ...WE'RE IN JAP COUNTRY NOW, AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT.



THE SPECTRE...ALIAS THE GRIM REAPER,..ALIAS DEATH. SO IN OTHER WORDS, IN THIS WAR, DEATH IS ALWAYS WATCHING OVER US...NO MATTER WHO WE ARE...OR WHERE WE ARE.
YEAH. YOU COULD PUT IT THAT WAY. DEATH IS ALWAYS THERE...WAITING... WATCHING...WONDERING WHICH ONE OF US IS NEXT.
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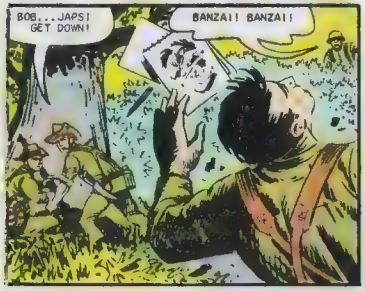

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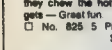

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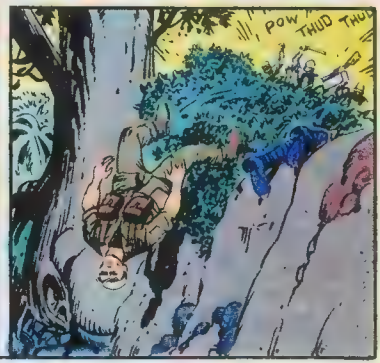

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I SAT UP AND BEGAN TO BANDAGE THE WOUND ON MY THIGH. A TWIG SNAPPED. AND...
IT'S YOU..YOU'VE FOLLOWED ME NOW, HAVE YOU? WELL, YOU CAN'T HAVE ME 'CAUSE I AIN'T DEAD YET...AND I DON'T PLAN TO BE EITHER. SO BEAT IT! GET LOST AND LEAVE ME ALONE. I'M TOO TIRED TO...AND BESIDES, I DON'T BELIEVE IN YOU ANY WAY. YOU'RE HOGWASH. I DON'T KNOW WHY I RAN IN THE FIRST PLACE. GO ON, BEAT IT.

YOU STILL HERE?! I TOLD YOU I AIN'T...

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A SHORT TIME LATER...
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When Commander Koenig, Dr Helena Russell, and Professor Bergman set foot on the Earthling world they were greeted by Earth people. Here was a world so like their own planet, they couldn't believe their eyes — and it was only this skepticism that saved them from a living death as prisoners of hideous creatures who were not quite what they seemed

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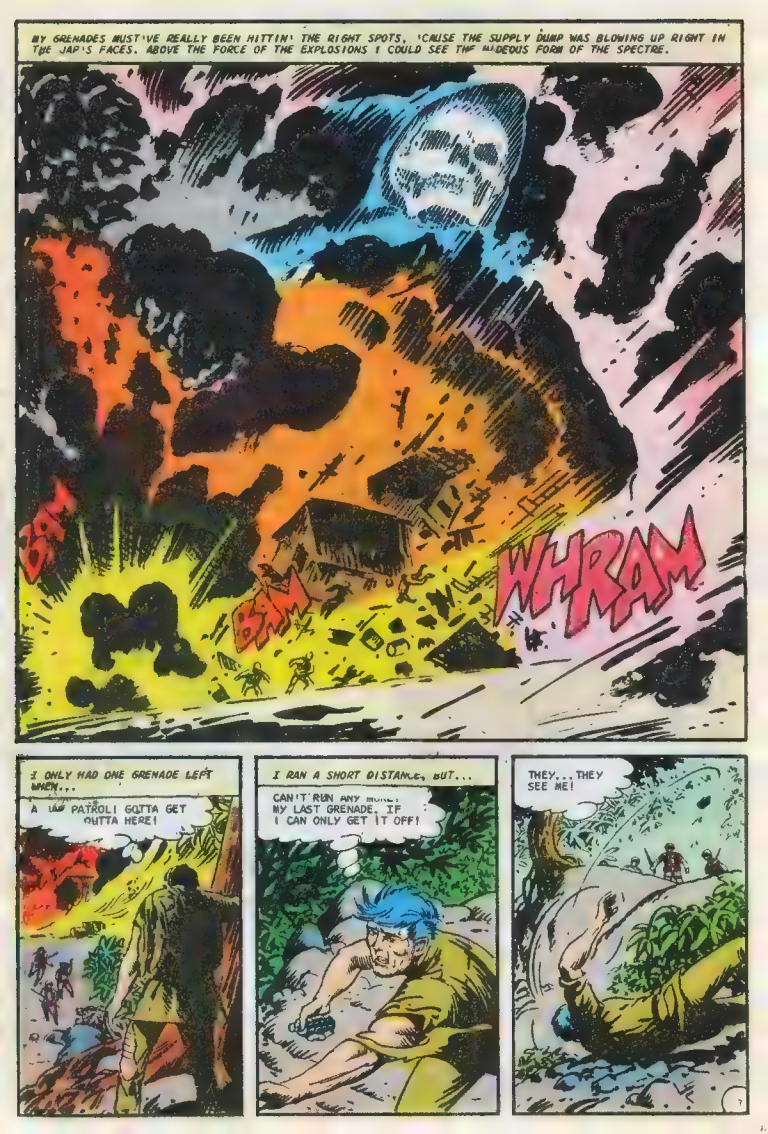
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BOM
BOM
WHRAM
I ONLY HAD ONE GRENADE LEFT WHEN...
A LAW PATROL! GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE!
I RAN A SHORT DISTANCE, BUT...
CAN'T RUN ANY MORE. MY LAST GRENADE. IF I CAN ONLY GET IT OFF!
THEY... THEY SEE ME!
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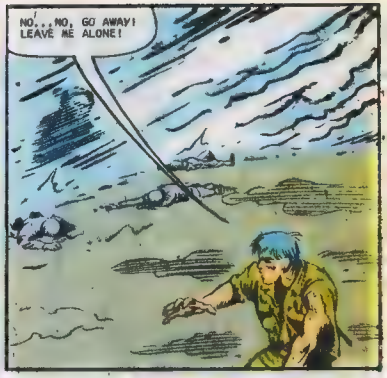
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LEAVE ME ALONE! STAY AWAY FROM ME... UHH.
HEH
HEH

STOP IT! STOP THAT LAUGHING!
HEH
HEH
HEH

STOP IT!
ZIP
HEH
SWISH
HEH

HEH
HE
THWAK

HE'S STILL THERE...DEATH...ALWAYS WATCHING OVER US. WAITING...CHOOSING... ALWAYS...OH, NO...NO...
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
HE

JAPS...!

YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET ME...'CAUSE IF I DIE, HE'LL HAVE ME FOR SURE. YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES... DON'T LET 'IM GET YA...

HE'S ALWAYS THERE...DEATH...ALWAYS... WATCHING...WAITING...NO MATTER WHO WE ARE...WHERE WE ARE...

ALWAYS... THERE... UHH...
KEH- HEH!
'E TRIED TO KILL US, SARGE!
I COULD SEE THAT, YOU BOOB. POOR BLOKE... 'E IS DELIRIOUS, MUSTIVE THOUGHT WE WERE NIPS.
I BET YOU COULD FRY AN EGG ON 'IS FOREHEAD, IT'S SO 'OT! FEVER FROM THOSE WOUNDS DON'T KNOW 'OW 'E LASTED AS LONG AS 'E DID. POOR DEVIL MUST'VE GONE THROUGH THE MILL.
WHAT WAS THAT 'E WAS BABBLING ABOUT?
I DON'T KNOW, SOMETHIN' ABOUT SOMEBODY WATCHING OVER US ALL THE TIME. YA NEVER KNOW WHAT'S RUNNIN' THROUGH A BLOKE'S NOGGIN' WHEN 'E'S IN THIS CONDITION.
'E TRIED TO KILL US... WITH ROCKS-YET!
THE END

THE HIT AND RUN WAR

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TWO AMERICANS SPECIAL FORCES EN ROUTE TO AN ARVN CAMP LEAP OUT OF THEIR JEEP WITH AR15'S SPITTING LEAD

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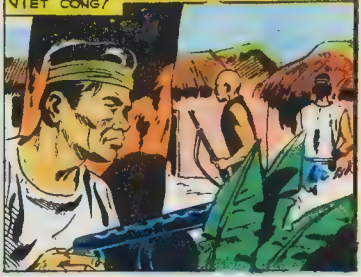
'GET AWAY FROM THERE!' THE N.C.O. SNARLS/ ''THEY MAY BE 500 YARDS AWAY...OR ONLY A FEW FEET ...WAITING WITH A GRENADE FOR YOU TO COME A STEP CLOSER!''

THESE MEN HAVE NO FANCY EQUIPMENT ...NO RATIONS TO ENCUMBER THEM AS THEY FLIT LIKE SKINNY WRAITHS THROUGH THE TWILIGHT WORLD OF THE JUNGLE/ THEY'VE MADE THEIR KILL, NOW THEY FLEE DEEP INTO THE GREEN SHROUD TO GET FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS/

A VIET NAMESE VILLAGE/ THE HEADMAN, A LOYAL VIET NAMESE, WAS MURDERED BY THE VIET CONG...THE PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF THESE ASSASSINS SO THEY SHELTER THE VIET CONG/



"WE KILLED MANY ARVN TROOPS," THE VIET CONG GUERILLA REPORTS/ "THE AMERICANS KILLED ONE OF OUR MEN, WOUNDED ANOTHER WHO DIED BECAUSE HE COULD NOT KEEP UP!" "YOU MAY HAVE LED OUR ENEMIES HERE, YOU COWARDLY FOOL," THEIR PEKING ADVISER SNARLS/

THIS COLONEL OF THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISON BRIEFS HIS MEN. THEY ARE GOING AFTER THE VIET CONG WHO BLASTED THE ARVN TRUCK/

THESE ARE TROOP-CARRYING HELICOPTERS... EACH OF THEM CARRYING A FULLY EQUIPPED PLATOON... ALL THEY'VE GOT TO DO IS LOCATE THE ENEMY/

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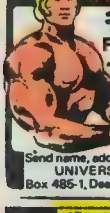

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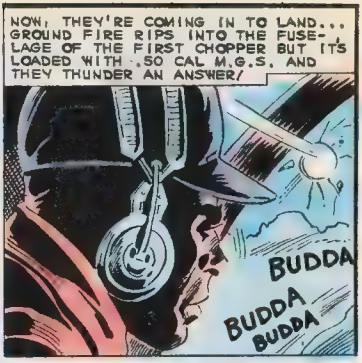
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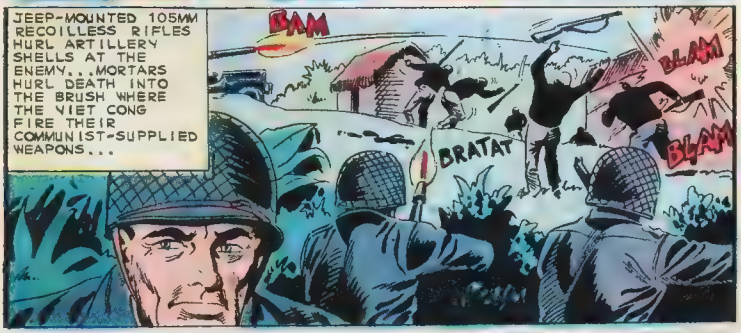
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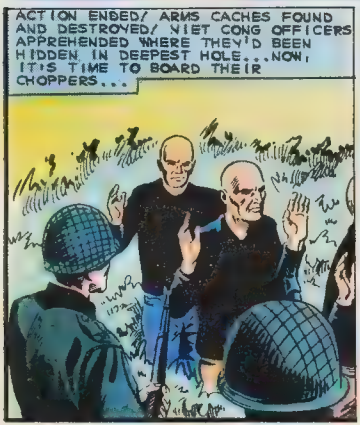
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THE AX-MEN OF HOU-CHIN

In the Mandarin Chinese the word is pronounced "Bing." It means soldier, army, weapons, or military. While there are many people who regard the Chinese written language as one of the most difficult to master, I regard it as one of the most fascinating languages in the world. The arrangement of lines that puzzle you are known as ideographs. These Chinese characters have a background. It may be that Chinese writing was originally pictograph. However, the earliest Chinese inscriptions now known date from about the fourteenth century, B.C.

We start with that word, "Bing." The experts have traced it back to a rude drawing showing two hands wielding an ax. It doesn't take much figuring to arrive at the conclusion that somehow the ax-men have been an early military weapon. And if two hands were used, then the handle couldn't have been a short one. We know from the history of military weapons that a battle ax, in one form or another, has been a rather effective weapon for infighting or what we call nowadays hand-to-hand combat or "fighting at close quarters."

My dear friend Lee Ching is responsible for this war story, and it may be the origin of the word, Bing. The hero is a peasant by the name of Hou-Chin. He lived centuries ago in the domain of the Duke of Chen. He, and others like him, made their living by being what we would call woodsmen. They chopped down the trees, cut them into fire-wood, and sold their products to the people in the cities.

One day the Duke of Chen went on a hunting trip and was killed by a wild boar. He left one young daughter and an ambitious double-crossing prime minister by the name of Hwang Shen. This villain made a deal with the Duke of Shen, who wanted the territories of the dead Duke of Chen—and also the young daughter. He marched in with his armies and in his path there was death and destruction.

Hou-Chin had a wife and three children. He and his fellow woodsmen were chopping down trees when the terrible news was brought to him.

"The entire village has been burned down. Your wife and your three sons are dead.

He almost went insane with grief. Then when he recovered he swore an oath by all the Gods:

"I will chop to pieces all those responsible for this terrible deed."

He, and those with him, have no swords nor bows and arrows. But they have those long handled sharp axes. And powerful hands to wield them. These will be their battle weapons! At night he and his friends go into their burned down village. And they "liquidate" the guards left behind. Meanwhile, that young daughter disguises herself and with some faithful followers manages to escape.

Later some soldiers of the former army of the Duke of Chen team up with Hou-Chin and his men. His ax-wielding men are creating terror in the ranks of the soldiers of the invader.

"One thousand pieces of gold for the head of Hou Chin," offers the Duke of Shen.

"Two thousand pieces of gold for the head of the Duke of Shen," retaliates Hou-Chin.

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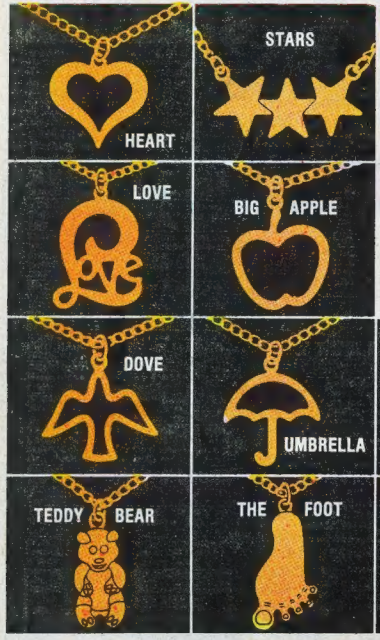

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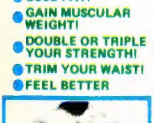

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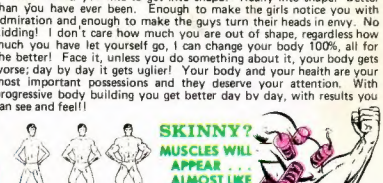

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